

MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M. TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin and Sandi Murphy - minute taker.

GUESTS:

Artie St.Onge (Contractor); Jim Smith from State; Peter Benevento with LCCA; John McHugh; Billy Martin and Burt Maynard, Howard Vansette & Jeremy Barnum from Franklin's road crew.

Peter M called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda amendments: Dead trees on Gallup Road will be discussed under member concerns. Public Comments: Peter Benevento had a comment on the 8/15/2016 minutes. This will be taken up next.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2016

Brooks S/Ed R made the motion to accept the minutes of August 15, 2016. Peter B objected to the language on lines 77 and 78. Peter B feels it is unfair to the employee. Peter B said this should be taken up in executive session. More discussion. Vote taken, four in favor of accepting the minutes with language change on lines 77 and 78, and one abstained. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Morses Line project review with Contractor Artie St. Onge - Peter M asked for a time line. St.Onge wants to start next week. Peter M said they need to wait for the signed contract with the State which should be done by Sept. 17th this month. The contract for St.Onge to sign was presented to him and he signed it. They will plan on starting the job the week of the 19th; it's a three day job if the weather cooperates. Peter M asked Howard V if he had any questions or concerns. He had none. Discussion followed on how St.Onge will divert the water, cut trees, etc..
- Better Road Grant - This is to deal with the Swamp Road culverts. The work will be done spring 2017. The Grant is for \$11,000. with a match of \$2,750.. Howard V asked what they are going to do? Peter M read aloud some of the work summary (ditching, storm water management, etc.) per the Better Back Roads Manual. We will take this up again at a later date.
- Driveway Permit - James Messier on Messier Road. Discussion ensued. A culvert will need to be installed. Andy G signed the Permit as Road Commissioner.
- Howard V talked about the culvert on Towle Neighborhood Road being done.
- Ed R asked when Pike will do the paving. Answer: the middle of September.
- Burt Maynard is running electrical under Riley Road. He wants to run Fiber-optic, too. The SB members were OK with this.
- Peter M said Burt M will cut the tree Yvon D marked over by the monument.
- Ed R mentioned that a town resident suggested to him they have the new truck under coated. Ed R will get some estimates

LCCA - PETER BENEVENTO

Weed Harvester update - Ed R gave an update on what happened when he and Brooks S ran the Harvester. The engine is running cooler. However, it is the wrong sized engine for that machine. It had issues getting the fuel; more modifications are needed. Ed R and Yvon D spoke about the research each had done on line and with Franklin Rental. Ed R recommends a Honda engine over a Subaru engine. Ed R and Brooks S will run it one more time to be sure it is working before taking it out of the water for the winter.

- Beach/Boat launch - the Boat Greeter has found bags of feces in the weeds by the launch. And the slab is starting to separate from the pavement. The Fish and Wildlife folks are responsible for any upgrades. Peter B mentioned the need for a sign saying, "do not feed the water fowl". There used to be a Rule Sign posted there in the past. Andy G will check to see if the sign is at the shop.
- Mill Pond dredging - Peter Benevento wants the SB to check with the Corp of Army Engineers about dredging. Peter M said the SB has already done this once and permission was NOT granted.
- FWC - the Franklin Watershed Committee has lost several members. They currently have six members and they would like it to be nine members.

REVIEW AND SIGN BILLS

Each SB member reviewed the bills and signed the orders.

OLD BUSINESS

- Weed Harvester update - discussed earlier.
- Library Pillar repairs - Yvon D said he has not had any update from Henry Rainville.
- Flashing speed sign for Route 120 - an 1111 Permit is needed. The cost is over \$2,000. and the State installs it. Peter M will talk with Lisa (TC) on submission dates.

NEW BUSINESS

- A Main Street resident has complained that customers and delivery trucks at the store are blocking his driveway. Peter M will check with VTRANS on what the rules are.
- Planning Commission letter drafted by Brooks S - Yvon D and Ed R went to the last Planning Commission meeting. They reported things seemed fine.
- Lisa drafted a letter to the VT Arts Council concerning a Grant extension for the Town hall electrical work. Peter M read the letter aloud and the SB members agreed Peter should sign the letter.
- (Burt Maynard - road boring issue has already been discussed earlier.)

SELECTBOARD FOLDER

Everyone reviewed the folder.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Dead trees on Gallop Road need to be removed. Andy G will check on these.

Ed R - no concerns

Andy G - Jeremy wants the 10 hour day rule to extend beyond Labor Day.

Brooks S - no concerns.

Yvon D - I have received calls from two town residents. One wants the "Y" at Colton Road and Stanley Road to be made into a "T". Yvon D wants to discuss the 2016 tax rate again. Who is going to present the culvert bill to Mr. Larivee?

Peter M - The Telephone Co. Was on the agenda for tonight, but Peter M received a call from them with questions. This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Harvey Bushey from ECI called Peter M at work. Peter M was not pleased with his loudness and language.

Brooks S/Yvon D made a motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Murphy
September 9, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular board meeting.

These minutes were approved at the September 21, 2016 meeting.